As the programme has been extended to all blocks in the country and urban areas only in the current year, it has not been possible to conduct a formal review so far. Free uniforms to poor students are not provided by the Central Government.

(d) Under the Mid-day Meals Scheme, funds are released to the Food Corporation of India which supplies foodgrains (Wheat/Rice) free of cost to the implementing agencies in the States/UTs.

Central assistance is not given for the incentive schemes like supply of free uniforms as the provision for such schemes is to be made by the State Governments under their budgets.

[English]

Acquisition of Computers by IGNOU

850. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has acquired computers worth crores of rupees from Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC) without following the accepted procedures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for violating the accepted procedures;

(d) the action proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(e) the accepted procedure to pruchase the computers and other items in the Ministry and the departments under it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) Certain allegations arising out of purchase of Computers and the Division of IGNOU dealing with computerisation are being looked into.

[Translation]

Arms Produced by Ordnance Factory in Kanpur, U.P.

851. SHRI JAGATVIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether priority is given in the International Market to the arms produced by Kanpur ordnance factory; and

(b) if so, the income earned by the Government through the sale of these arms?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Indian Ordnance Factories are engaged in the manufacture of defence stores primarily to meet the requirements of our own armed forces, para-military forces, etc. However, with a view to enlarging their turnover and thereby, enhancing productivity, Ordnance Factories have been utilising sparable capacity for making items for sale in the civil market in the country and for export.

(b) Amongst the Ordnance Factories located in Kanpur, Small Arms Factory has exported arms and spares worth Rs. 1.01 lakhs during the current financial year.

Corruption Cases

852. DR. MURL' MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases relating to corruption, dishonesty and assets disproportionate to the income of civil servants investigated by the Vigilance Department of the Ministry in 1995-96;

(b) the number of officers involved in the said cases, Grade-wise;

(c) the number of complaints received for corruption and dishonesty in the 1995-96 and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the vigilance initiate action suo moto against the staff suspected to be dishonest and corrupt;

(e) if so, whether the Ministry have made any review of the functioning of power of the vigilance section under their control; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) 1233 cases were investigated by the Vigilance Department of the Ministry in 1995-96.

(b) Number of Officers involved are as under:

GOs	365
NGOs	684

(c) 1884 complaints were received in 1995-96 and on invistigation suitable action was initiated against the erring officials.

(d) Yes Sir. If information leading to suspicion becomes available.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

BOT Projects in Road and Port Sectors

853. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV:

SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY:

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA:

SHRI SANAT KAMAR MANDAL:

SHRI MADAN PATIL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: